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innear To Direct tudent Work

By action of the Conference Board Directors on recommendation of Committee on Student Work, Rev. nneth Kinnear has been appointed nference Director of Student Work ginning June 1. Mr. Kinnear will adviser at Plymouth House and ll keep closely in touch with the ogram there, but will also promote ngregational interests and work in of the institutions of higher learn- within our territory so far as time d strength will permit. He will ve particular interest in University California, Stanford University, n José State College, Fresno State llege, State School of Agriculture Davis, and College of the Pacific, all of which institutions the Con- ence and Board of Home Missions e making financial appropriations religious work. It is hoped that influence may be felt in other nools, including at least some junior lleges.

The work at Plymouth House is not be neglected. Mr. Kinnear's efforts ll be supplemented by a student at cific School of Religion, who will e in Plymouth House, and Mr. Kin- ar with his young and growing nily will find more suitable quarters. e will work under the active direc- on of the Committee on Student ork, of which Rev. Ralph D. Hyslop chairman. This committee will be the Department of Christian Edu- tion, headed up by Rev. George W. ndsay.

rogram Highlights

It would be difficult to pick out the gh points of the conference. Every- ere one could hear, "This is the st conference ever." In paid regis- tion, the total reached 558. Our siting speakers, Rev. Sidney Berry, London; Rev. Ray Gibbons, of New ork; Rev. Howard Schomer, of Eu- pe, not to mention our own Rev. ere V. Loper, brought messages of ength, insight, and inspiration. The nquet took an unexpected turn. arting with the enthusiastic singing gospel songs and guided by the easing remarks of the moderator, it rned into what Dr. Berry described a "rollicking occasion." There were ibutes to Superintendent Gill which ere richly undeserved. Dr. Berry ught the spirit and although the our was late, gave us an insight into ongregationalism in other lands and hat our brethren are facing.

On Sunday morning, there were vo great services of worship, with the agnificent choir of the First Church rnishing music, and two unforget- ble sermons, one by Rev. Howard chomer and one by Rev. Sidney erry.

While a good many delegates had arted home on Saturday, with the oming of the Pilgrim Fellowship oung people, the Sunday afternoon ssion was still well up in attendance hear our national moderator, Rev. ere V. Loper and the closing of ree splendid hours of worship led y the chaplain, Rev. Gordon Foster.

THE SUPERINTENDENT ELECT

This is to introduce our new Superintendent, the Rev. William D. Pratt of Pomona, California, who will succeed Superintendent Harley H. Gill on January 1, 1953. Rev. Mr. Pratt was elected Superintendent of our Conference by a unanimous vote at the business session on Saturday, May 24. He came by plane from southern California to accept his new position in person and to greet those who were present at the annual meeting in Oakland. It is hoped that he will assume his duties here with us some time in the autumn, working with Supt. Gill until the end of the year.

Mr. Pratt is married and has three children, a daughter at the University of California, another in high school, and a younger son. He was educated at Michigan State College and Chicago Theological Seminary. He is at present serving our great church at Pomona, and before that he held pastorates at Redlands, California, and Sterling, Illinois.

Our Nominations Committee has found in him the embodiment of a surprising number of the qualities which we would hope our Superintendent might have. He has proved himself as a pastor, he has been a brother to his fellow ministers, and has proved his broad administrative capacity in a number of aspects of our denominational work. His broad concern for the larger out-reach of the church has been shown in activity on the state and national committees for Our Christian World Mission. At present, he is serving as the virtual superintendent of the work of our American Board in Mexico. Under him it has gained in strength. He is also serving on the Board of Directors of the Southern Conference and has a wide knowledge of Conference organization.

REV. WILLIAM D. PRATT

The committee feels that his past experience has prepared him uniquely for his new responsibilities. He shares our concern of church extension and feels a genuine sense of call as he seeks to lead us in the dream we all have for the future of Christ's cause in Northern California.

Conference Echoes

History stifles the shouts and carries the whisperings. — Rev. Sidney M. Berry.

In spite of all technical achievements, the one thing man cannot do is to build a decent kingdom.—Rev. Sidney M. Berry.

Most Europeans are disillusioned about "redeemer people." They have seen a procession of them—Napoleon, Hitler, and the proletariat. Most people do not even look for redemption. One Savior and only one has ever come into the world, and few are ready to follow Him. Hopelessness is widespread, but there are citadels of real hope.—Rev. Howard F. Schomer.

Huguenots, ferocious in their tenderness. (A tribute by a Jew quoted by Howard Schomer.)

Protestants in France number over a million, but they are not broken up as we are. France is not a Catholic country. The Catholic Church has been greatly reduced. France has been called a fugitive from God. Eighty-five per cent of the people of France are not on the active list of any church. Eighty-five per cent of German people are not on the active list of any church. Our great modern mission field is Europe. — Rev. Howard F. Schomer.

There are as many Protestants in Spain in spite of the persecution as before it began.—Rev. Howard F. Schomer.

Hail, Oakland First

Never has a local church done more for the comfort of delegates and the effective carrying out of the Conference program than did the First Church of Oakland. Any resolution is altogether inadequate, but following is the official thanks of the Conference as recommended by the Resolutions Committee:

"The Northern California Congregational Conference, assembled in its 96th Annual Meeting in the First Congregational Church of Oakland, May 24, 1952, hereby expresses its sincere thanks to the host church, its pastor, members, and committees responsible for many and varied services contributing to the comfort, convenience, and fellowship of the meeting. We also acknowledge gratefully the hospitality of the City of Oakland and County of Alameda through their officials and the Chamber of Commerce."

PFers ON HAND

The Pilgrim Fellowship young people were in evidence at the state conference. They shared in a review of the Department of Education on Saturday afternoon. Helen Alexander, PF president, represented the state officers in bringing greetings at the banquet and in telling the oldsters what young people thought of them. The PFers swarmed in at the Sunday afternoon session and remained for their own meeting with Rev. Howard Schomer as their featured speaker.

BUSY YOUTH

The young people of our churches are **not** planning to spend the whole summer lounging about in lawn swings! There will be five High School and two Junior High camps bidding for their attention. At least four of them will accompany the Rev. Gifford Webster, state adviser to Pilgrim Fellowship, to the National Council of P.F., meeting in Claremont, June 26 to July 2. Voting delegates to "National" include Helen Alexander, Antioch; Margie Higbee, Palo Alto; Dave Parry, Oakland First; and Gil Bailey, Berkeley First. Non-voting delegates already chosen are Steve Walker, Piedmont; Sandy Craig, Berkeley North; Jean McCarter, Berkeley South; Jacquie Pfeiffer, Reno; Wilma Heckenliable, Lodi; and Audrey Rhoades, Palo Alto.

Two Christian Youth Fruit Camps will be held this year, one at Hughson, July 26 to August 23, and one at Gridley, August 2 to 30. Bruce and Jeanette MacKenzie, both past-presidents of Pilgrim Fellowship, will direct the Hughson camp this year, and Mr. and Mrs. Will Chandler, the Gridley camp. Mr. Chandler was for many years secretary of the YMCA in Oroville. Additional funds are needed for the financing of both camps. Individuals or groups in our churches who are interested in helping in this important Christian service may send contributions to Rev. George W. Lindsay, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley.

Others of our young people will be serving our churches this summer in our Student Summer Service program. Still others will be ministering to the children of migrant workers in the San Joaquin and Santa Clara Valleys. Truly, our young people are investing their summer richly.

Loan Fund Campaign

Readers of The Pacific will have heard of the plan which is to be presented at Claremont for the raising of a capital fund for the Congregational Church Building Society to enable it to more nearly meet the pressing needs of our fellowship. Northern California has received in recent years something like $450,000 in loans and grants from the Building Society, and it still has a great task to be done. The Conference meeting in Oakland on May 23, 24, and 25, heartily and unanimously adopted a resolution presented with the recommendation of the Board of Directors, which reads as follows:

"Resolved, that the Northern California Congregational Conference, assembled in its annual meeting, approves the proposal to raise a substantial addition to the Church Building Loan Funds in terms of the proposed recommendation to the General Council meeting, recommends the same to the meeting of the General Council at Claremont, and authorizes its Board of Directors to implement this vote of this Conference in whatever ways it may deem wise and necessary to assure the success of the undertaking."

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THEY, TOO, DO IT

A California alcoholic beverage company has recently run a series of billboard advertisements featuring certain classes of people who drink its product. Their list was incomplete, however. To get a fairer picture these additions ought to be noted:

Divorcees do it. Excessive drinking is a factor in two-thirds of California divorce cases.

Insane people do it. More alcoholics crowd psychiatric wards and mental hospitals than any other type of mental illness.

Reckless drivers do it. Twenty-one people die every day in drinking-driving accidents throughout the nation.

Juvenile delinquents do it. Alcohol plays a part in as high as 90% of delinquency cases among boys 16-17.

Delinquent parents do it. Liquor is responsible for four out of five broken homes in which children are made wards of the court.

Criminals do it. Check the daily papers for the last few months. You will observe that drinking or drunkenness played a major part in at least 70% of the violent crimes reported.

—Copied

Social Security

At the 96th Annual Meeting of the Northern California Congregational Conference held in First Cogregational Church, Oakland, on May 24, 1952, the following resolution was presented through the official Resolutions Committee and adopted:

"Whereas directors of the Annuity Fund for Congregational Ministers, and the Department of the Ministry, have expressed concern for the welfare of low-salaried pastors and religious workers throughout the denomination, and

"Whereas it is recognized in this Conference that the current provisions for financial security for pastors and staff members of churches and church organizations, in the event of disability and retirement, are grossly inadequate,

"Be it resolved that the Northern California Congregational Conference is in favor of amending the current Federal Social Security legislation to permit optional participation of churches, ministers, and staff members of religious bodies.

"Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to the Annuity Fund, the Commission on the Ministry, and to the representatives and senators from the State of California."

TAX EXEMPTION

Northern California Congregationalists have been deeply concerned over the proposal to exempt parochial schools from taxation, and at the recent annual meeting went on record with the following resolution:

"Whereas we consider the legislative act exempting sectarian parochial schools from taxation ill-advised and contrary to the best interests of the taxpayers, the public schools, and against the often-expressed will of the electorate,

"Be it resolved that the Northern California Congregational Conference favors passage of the referendum measure which would repeal this exemption and urges all its constituent churches to inform their members as to the issues involved and to use all reasonable and Christian means to secure passage of the referendum measure."

CONFERENCE OFFICERS FOR COMING YEAR

Following is a list of officers of the Conference elected at the last annual meeting. This includes holdover members of the Board of Directors and the Committee on Ministerial Standing.

Moderator: Mr. Herbert W. Hilker, San Mateo
Assistant Moderator: Rev. Richard C. Norberg, Hayward

Board of Directors

President: Rev. Benton S. Gaskell, San Mateo
Vice-President Rev. John C. Mickle, Jr., Berkeley
Secretary: Rev. Harley H. Gill, Berkeley
Assistant Secretary: Mrs. Esther Ericson, San Francisco
Treasurer: Mr. W. V. Howe, Alameda
Assistant Treasurer: Mr. John H. Finger, Oakland
Auditor: Mr. Paul K. Webster, San Mateo
Vice-President of the Corporation: Mr. Peirce Coombes, Redwood City
Class of 1953: *Mr. George W. Moore, Pacific Grove; *Rev. Herbert C. Gans, Petaluma; Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian, San Francisco; Mrs. Charles E. Ward, Redwood City; Miss Amy Jensen, Hayward; *Mrs. Scott Haymond, Berkeley; Rev. Carl F. Brost, Lodi.
Class of 1954: *Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, Martinez; *Rev. Benton S. Gaskell, San Mateo; *Rev. Richard C. Norberg, Hayward; *Rev. William E. McCormack, San Francisco; Rev. Vere V. Loper, Berkeley; Mr. Roy T. Nichols, Oakland; Mrs. Eugene M. Huggins, Sacramento.
Class of 1955: Mr. Herbert W. Hilker, San Mateo; *Mrs. Gail Cleland, Berkeley; Mr. Charles G. Thompson, Santa Rosa; *Mrs. W. B. Buckham; Oakland; Mrs. Howard G. Bissell, Stockton; *Rev. John C. Mickle, Jr., Berkeley; *Rev. Philip G. Murray, Oakland.
(Note: *Members of the Executive Committee)
Registrar: Rev. Harley H. Gill, Berkeley
Fraternal Delegates to Southern California: Staff representative; Mrs. Gail Cleland, Berkeley; Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, Martinez.
Visitors to Pacific School of Religion: Mr. William Hawley Davis, Palo Alto; Rev. J. Hood Snavely, Berkeley; Rev. Williston Wirt, Berkeley
Representatives to Northern California-Nevada Council of Churches: Rev. Karl E. Olson, San Francisco; Rev. Terence Stoker, San Mateo; Mrs. Lewis W. Taylor, Berkeley; Rev. James W. Montgomery, Fairfax; Rev. Ed Cunningham, Santa Cruz

Committee on Ministerial Standing

Class of 1953: Rev. William E. McCormack, San Francisco; Rev. Byron E. Eshelman, San Quentin; Rev. Herbert C. Gans, Petaluma
Class of 1954: Rev. Holland F. Burr, Piedmont; Rev. Fred R. Morrow, Orinda; Rev. Torrance Phelps, Sacramento
Class of 1955: Rev. G. Arthur Casaday, Palo Alto; Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, Martinez; Rev. John H. Gregg, Fresno; Rev. Hugh Vernon White, Berkeley
Delegates to General Council: Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, Martinez; Mr. Arthur O. Pritchard, Jr., Berkeley; Mrs. Gail Cleland, Berkeley; Mr. Herbert Hilker, San Mateo; Rev. J. H. McCartney, San Leandro; Rev. Harley H. Gill.

MISSIONARY PERCENTAGE

The Annual Meeting of the Conference voted to accept the recommendation of the Board of Directors that for the year 1953 the Conference withhold from undesignated apportionment receipts a sufficient amount so that it shall receive 50 per cent of the total apportionment giving from the churches of Northern California. This means that the remaining 50 per cent will be divided among the American Board, the Board of Home Missions, the Council for Social Action, and the Relief and Reconstruction Fund in accordance with the division recommended by the Survey Committee of the General Council. Among the national boards, all plans and methods of equalization have been abandoned.

Vatican Embassy

The Annual Meeting of the Northern California Congregational Conference went on record backing up the action of its Board of Directors and its Committee on Social Action taken earlier in the year on the matter of an ambassador to the Vatican:

"Whereas the issue of establishment of an embassy to the Vatican is still apparently a live one in the mind of the President of the United States, and

"Whereas this move is considered by us contrary to fundamental principles embodied in our national and spiritual heritage,

"Be it resolved that the Northern California Congregational Conference reaffirm its oposition to the appointment of an ambassador or any other official representative to the Head of the Roman Catholic Church."

SOCIAL ACTION

A resolution urging the loyalty to and support of the Council for Social Action, even though recognizing that it has made mistakes, was tabled due to the announcement that had been previously made that a special committee of 9 had been appointed by the Executive Committee of the General Council—this committee to represent 3 individuals who were favorable to the Council for Social Action, 3 that were critical of it, and 3 who had a more neutral position.

LOCAL OPTION

A brief but far-reaching resolution regarding one phase of the alcohol problem was adopted, namely:

"Be it resolved that this Conference asks its membership to endeavor to secure through our state legislature a local option law as a necessary step toward curtailment of the great increase in the liquor traffic."

WORLD PEACE

From the floor by motion, the following brief but far-reaching statement was adopted:

"Resolved that this Conference go on record as favoring every Christian movement working toward world peace."

GIFT OF PULPIT BIBLE

A pulpit-sized Bible, American revision, is available to any one of our own churches. It has pages of 10x6 inches with limp leather cover and is very attractive in appearance. Anyone who is interested in securing it may write to Mrs. Jennie C. Baker, Kenwood, California. Mrs. Baker has been a long-time and faithful member of our Kenwood Church.

MEASURING UP

Reports of church remittan through May indicate the maintenan of the substantial increase over 19 which has been forecast almost fr the beginning of the year. This the last report that will be publish until September. May there be summer slump.

	Appt. Jan. 11 to May 31,'51	Appt Jan. 11 May 31,
Alameda	$ 576.77	$ 385
Alturas	129.26	10
Angels Camp	50.00	100
Antioch	268.29	576
Auburn	100.00	145
Benicia	95.00	113
Berkeley, Arlington	293.91	594
Chinese	14.50	42
First	5,837.44	6,771
North	622.35	435
Northbrae	400.00	400
South	455.40	504
Biola	49.92	54
Campbell	439.15	598
Cedarville	41.70	81
Cloverdale	——	25
Concord, Hillcrest	88.87	144
Cotati	39.11	9
Crockett	92.91	105
Eagleville	65.58	17
El Cerrito, Mira Vista	25.00	8
Elk Grove	140.38	72
Etna	70.32	157
Eureka	512.16	467
Fairfax	72.65	152
Ferndale	49.60	34
Fresno, First	1,714.59	1,610
Japanese	47.50	229
Pilgrim Armen.	250.00	——
Glen Ellen	60.75	——
Guerneville	120.10	151
Hayward	500.00	1,350
Kenwood	13.60	5
La Selva Beach	53.00	31
Lodi, Ebenezer	——	61
First	1,387.69	969
Loleta	18.85	12
Loomis	33.75	100
Los Gatos, Skyland	——	27
Martinez	939.66	443
Modesto	31.58	47
Murphys	——	68
Niles	——	50
Oakland, First	2,550.00	2,800
Fruitvale	——	92
Japanese	12.00	——
New Pilgrim	250.37	193
Plymouth	1,107.59	1,066
Orinda	416.64	570
Oroville	351.70	747
Palo Alto	2,059.65	2,095
Paradise	355.00	330
Parlier	——	10
Penngrove	——	9
Pescadero	——	5
Petaluma	404.59	489
Pittsburg	189.26	169
Port Chicago	18.09	——
Porterville	750.00	750
Redwood City	514.39	943
Rio Vista	100.00	12
Ripon	118.15	235
Sacramento, First	1,879.00	870
Oak Park	——	36
Sierra Arden	150.00	166
Salida	19.25	50
San Carlos	825.00	880
San Francisco—		
Beth. Miss. Pk.	66.00	38
Calvary Armen.	50.00	——
Chinese	13.83	——
First	857.52	1,104
Park Presidio	325.83	602
Pilgrim	61.53	102
St. John's	52.33	71
Sanger	72.32	28
San Jose	706.99	855
San Leandro	149.47	30
San Lorenzo	——	150
San Mateo	2,200.00	2,100
San Rafael	100.00	149
Santa Cruz	570.81	647
Santa Rosa	122.78	163
Saratoga	173.84	363
Sebastopol	279.99	437
Sonoma	242.57	50
Soquel	70.09	160
Stockton	734.10	806
Suisun	67.10	173
Sunnyvale	24.30	112
Sunol	104.35	144
Tulare	561.00	740
Weaverville	50.00	135
Woodside	201.00	81
Reno, Nevada	245.93	402
Pilgrim Fellowship	1,567.10	923
Miscellaneous	266.00	194
	$37,706.80	$40,461.18

With this issue The Pacific says good-bye to its readers until September. It is published 10 months of the year. The Pacific really needs a rest, and so do the printer and the editor and the office force, and, who knows, maybe the readers need it too.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

ONARD IN MODOC

Rev. Ralph V. Conard, pastor-at-rge of the Conference, has been ving a large amount of time in odoc County working in close asso-ation with Rev. Rowland H. Dow, Alturas. A new group of church-inded people have come together Fort Bidwell. Mr. Conard has en preaching regularly in a com-unity church building and found a ry ready response. He has also sumed ad interim work at Eagleville, d now with the resignation of Rev. A. McCalmon at Cedarville, will d some time in his busy schedule minister to the people there.

The Committee on Church Devel-pment, of which Rev. John Mickle chairman, has been working toward e end of organizing a larger parish r all of Modoc County. It is hoped at the Alturas Church will permit its stor, Mr. Dow, to head up the par-h. Immediately following the Gen-al Council at Claremont, Rev. Wes-y Hotchkiss, of the Town and ountry Department of the Board of ome Missions, with Mr. Conard, will pend a few days in the county meet-g a joint committee which has been t up and explaining the workings a larger parish and helping to set p the organization. With the excep-on of the Northern Baptist denomi-ation, which is associated with us the Federated Church of Alturas, o other major denomination is at ork in that great county with 10,000 eople and a dozen or more different ommunities. The plan under devel-pment deserves greatest interest and idest possible support.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON — On entecost Sunday, 8 young people ere confirmed and 10 adults received nto membership. The community enter is sponsoring summer activities ith 4 different programs to meet he interests of various ages of chil-ren with definite schedules for trips, rt classes, drama, and story periods. he new addition to the building has een greatly delayed by the carpenter trike but is again progressing toward ompletion. Rev. J. H. Snavely is astor.

HAYWARD—Materials are being athered for use in our Pilgrim Fel-owship migrant camps. Craft supplies, honograph records, athletic equip-nent, and games are especially needed. Even with the great new building, this hurch is beginning to feel crowded, nd a new building committee has een appointed to study the needs nd bring recommendations as to steps o be taken. Rev. Richard C. Nor-berg and Rev. Verne A. Robinson re pastors.

SONOMA — The federation be-ween the Congregational and Meth-odist Churches which has been in existence for three years has come o an end. "It was a noble experi-ment," which for various reasons did not seem to work out. Beginning with the third Sunday in June, the two churches will meet separately in their own buildings. The Congregational group has set up a complete organi-zation and is actively in search of a minister.

LOOMIS—Instead of sending flow-ers for the funeral of Deacon N. H. Hansen, a fund was provided by friends for the church, which will re-sult in altar, communion table, and pulpit, beautifully constructed and worshipful in appearance. Rev. Hen-drik Martynse is pastor.

HILLCREST — An investment in youth—that is what is facing this new community which is now enrolling 340 children in the church school. Thirty-two children and two teachers have been crowded in a 10x12-foot room. Twenty-five thousand dollars is needed for additional church school facilities. Sixty-five members are to call upon 200 families on June 8, seeking those who have already pledg-ed to continue pledges for 24 months and those who have not yet pledged to start theirs for 30 months. Eleven new members were received in May. Rev. Robert L. Carlson, pastor, is to represent the Upper Bay Associa-tion at the General Council.

BERKELEY, SOUTH — This church is looking forward to the cele-bration of Founder's Day on June 15, with Rev. Arthur D. Gray, pastor of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Chicago and chairman of the Execu-tive Committee of the General Coun-cil, as the preacher. This church is also taking great pride in the decision of Mrs. C. R. Claiborne, who has been the director of the community center, to accept a call of the American Board to go to Turkey and be associated with Mrs. Lynda Blake at Izmir. Rev. John C. Mickle, Rev. Fred S. Stripp, and Rev. Ernest W. Houlding serve the church as pastors.

CEDARVILLE—Rev. C. A. Mc-Calmon has resigned and has moved from Cedarville. His resignation had been presented a month or so ago but was acted on by the Cedarville Church on Sunday, June 1. He has not announced his future plans except that he intends to attend the world convention of the Disciples of Christ, which is to be held in Australia. Mr. and Mrs. McCalmon have given very faithful service in Surprise Val-ley. On the closing evening of his pastorate, he preached the high school baccalaureate sermon.

MARTINEZ—Mr. and Mrs. Rob-ert Wood, of Doshisha University, have been adopted by the Martinez Church as foreign missionaries. Both of these young people are well known in our Northern California fellowship. During July and August, the 11 o'clock services will be omitted, but the 9:30 services will be continued. Rev. Donald F. Gaylord is pastor.

REDWOOD CITY—During May this church engaged in a campaign for money with which to build the first unit of a new plant on a new site in the western part of the city. A goal of $60,000 was set up and $53,000 was raised during the pledge paying period. Without any doubt the re-mainder will come in. Rev. Gale W. Engle is pastor.

MODESTO — Before this issue reaches its readers this church, which has been so long in coming into being, will have completed its organization and be admitted as a Congregational church into our fellowship. Needless to say, Rev. Frank B. Loper, the pastor, will be a happy man.

SAN MATEO—This church is providing the manpower for making a house-to-house canvass of San Mateo Village. It has also furnished the Conference Moderator for the coming year, Mr. Herbert W. Hilker, and the President of the Conference Board of Directors, Rev. Benton S. Gaskell.

OAKLAND, JAPANESE — Rev. Hiroshi Izumi has resigned and will soon take a pastorate in Cleveland, Ohio. The church has not yet select-ed his successor.

MR. VERNON IN JAPAN

An interesting letter has been re-ceived from Rev. Samuel J. Vernon, who is hospital chaplain in the Osaka Army Hospital, which happens to be near our Congregational college at Kobe, Japan. Mr. Vernon was in-strumental in having a choir of girls, with many from the music department of the college, which rendered the Messiah in the hospital. He finds many opportunities for splendid service with the boys who have been wounded and in carrying on corre-spondence with their anxious mothers, fathers, and wives. He expects to return to the United States in July. He wishes to send greetings to his brother ministers in the Conference.

SAN LORENZO—As The Pacific goes to press this church is in the midst of a campaign for $60,000 for clearing of debt and improvement of property . Mr. Curtis R. Schumacher of the Board of Home Missions is leading the loyal group of workers which has been enlisted by Rev. Hom-er Schwarz.

PALO ALTO — This church has just completed the active period of a building fund campaign. The goal was $175,000 and approximately $122,000 was raised. It is hoped that ultimately an entirely new plant will be erected in an entirely new neigh-borhood. Rev. G. Arthur Casaday is pastor.

CLOVERDALE—While Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Bennett were attending the conference, the teen-agers conducted the Sunday morning worship, but a 15-minute message from the pastor which had been recorded was repro-duced. Mr. Bennett recently suffered the loss by death of his beloved sister, Mrs. Ellen Mills.

BERKELEY, FIRST—On May 25, ten new members were received into the church. Three new stops for the organ are being provided from bequest funds. Rev. Vere V. Loper, pastor, as moderator of the General Council, visited no less than 11 state confer-ences during May from California to Maine and back.

BERKELEY, NORTH—A general solicitation has been made for our "New Church Program," being the Conference plan for the launching of new work. During the vacation of Rev. Williston Wirt, Rev. Ray Keeble, recently from Sebastopol, is to supply the pulpit.

BERKELEY, CHINESE — The Women's Guild has presented $3,000 to the church building fund. This has been earned over a two-year period by knitting, sewing, cooking, and sell-ing foods. Dr. Hoh Yam-tong, the pastor, is to be a delegate to the Gen-eral Council.

ANTIOCH — During the vacation of Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Dimock, Mr. Wallace W. Anderson, Jr., a student at Union Theological Semi-nary, will be the preacher. The church school is raising $50 to send a milk goat to Korea.

COTATI—Mr. Jack Heal, student at Pacific School of Religion, formerly on the staff of the Magnolia Heights Church, Seattle, and Plymouth Church, Oakland, has been called as pastor and began work in May.

FRESNO, JAPANESE — This church was host to the conference of Japanese ministers and churches for the whole Pacific Coast area on May 16, 17, and 18. Rev. Norio Ozaki is pastor.

DELEGATES TO COUNCIL

Bay Association: Mr. Clarence Bus-kirk, Mrs. Wilfred Sidebottom, Rev. Karl E. Olson, Dr. Hoh Yam-tong, Rev. Philip G. Murray, Mr. Charles McGonegal, Mr. C. Ray Fowler.

Sacramento Valley Associaton: Rev. Torrance Phelps, Mr. Harry E. Dro-bish.

Redwood Empire Association: Miss Jean MacLeod.

Central Association: Rev. Fred W. Gross.

Upper Bay Association: Rev. Rob-ert L. Carlson.

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Santa Clara Association: Mr. Wil-liam McReynolds, Rev. G. Arthur Casaday, Mr. Harry W. Mahany, Mrs. Benton S. Gaskell.

Conference at large: Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, Mr. Arthur O. Pritchard, Jr., Mrs. Gail Cleland, Rev. J. H. McCartney, Rev. Ernest M. Fowler.

Supt. Harley H. Gill.

ORDINATIONS

Two young men, graduating from Pacific School of Religion on June 6, have appeared before the Conference Committee on Ministerial Standing, and their churches have been given the go-ahead sign for councils to give further examination and ordination, Mr. Kenneth E. Johnson at the First Congregational Church, Berkeley, and Mr. Robert A. Knowles at the First Congregational Church, Oakland. The council at the Berkeley Church for Mr. Johnson will meet June 10 and the one at the Oakland Church for Mr. Knowles, June 13. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have accepted a call to a church in Connecticut. Mr. and Mrs. Knowles will continue with the Oak-land Church on a full-time basis for the coming year.

SAVE ASILOMAR

The Northern California Congre-gational Conference for many years made use of the Asilomar conference grounds and has regretted the an-nounced intention of selling the prop-erty. At the request of Rev. Fred W. Morrison, who for many years was pastor of our First Congregational Church of San Jose and has just been elected as director of the Oakland Community Chest, the following reso-lution was adopted:

"Whereas the Asilomar Conference Grounds has long served a highly useful and important function in the life of this State, and

"Whereas the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Asso-ciation finds the continued operation of this property a heavy financial bur-den, and recently offered it for sale, and

"Whereas it seems highly important that this property, so well equipped both with suitable buildings and a beautiful natural setting, be preserved;

"Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Northern California Congregation-al Conference join with other groups now attempting to devise plans by which Asilomar may be saved for permanent use as a conference grounds.;

"And to that end be it further resolved that this body request its Board of Directors to work with other interested groups in finding ways and means by which this can be accom-plished."

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

MRS. JOHN HARRISON, Correspondent

WOMEN'S LUNCHEON AT CONFERENCE

The 96th Annual Meeting of the Northern California Congregational Conference is now history. It was a meeting of great inspiration and interest. The speakers are people "busy about our Father's business" who inspired most of us to do more work in our own "place of His business." The memorial service for the faithful ministers whose work here is finished and the service of the Lord's Supper called for our reconsecration to our God, our Saviour, and our Church. Chaplain Gordon L. Foster, assisted by several ministers, conducted the service.

The promised "unique plan" of serving by the women of First Church proved to be an elaborate smorgasbord efficiently served. It gave the women a few welcome minutes of standing and walking after four hours of sitting. There were about three hundred women present. Twenty hostesses and more servers were gracious and pleasant in spite of all the work. The joy of again seeing old friends also added to the pleasure. Mrs. Clarence Reidenbach of the host church presided. After the Doxology was sung she gave an interesting interpretation of Psalm 96. From its strength and beauty we get moral firmness and graciousness that we may give service with strength and simple humility.

Mrs. Reidenbach introduced Mrs. W. T. M. Cook, the fraternal delegate from Southern California, who brought greetings from the south. Mrs. Cook was accompanied by her charming daughter. After the wives of the Conference speakers were presented our President, Mrs. Gail Cleland, reminded us to register for the Missionary Education Movement Conference at Asilomar, August 1-6, and the Spring Session of the Federation of Congregational Women at Cazadero, June 2-4. She urged everyone to be sure to vote before going or to secure an absentee ballot. As Christian women we must not neglect our civic duty of voting.

Mrs. Cleland gave a short, very impressive "Charge and Dedication" to Mrs. C. R. Claiborne, who is leaving soon for Izmir, Turkey, where she is to be a teacher in the Collegiate Institute for Girls. Speaking for the women, Mrs. Cleland gave a promise that we will remember Mrs. Claiborne in our prayers and do what we can to aid her. Mrs. Claiborne spoke briefly, saying this decision had been the hardest of her life. She expressed her purpose to be of greater service, to use the education she has received to help the young women of the Institue to become the founders of Christian homes in the future. She opened the paper bag which she had been holding and held up a measuring cup and a set of measuring spoons, and gave us all an opportunity of sharing in the first job of her new work by contributing to a fund to buy several sets of these handy tools, which we take for granted will be used in the school. Mrs. Lynda Blake, with whom she will be working, had sent a request for them. As she expressed it, her first job is to take these handy tools from the kitchens of America to the kitchens of Turkey.

Although she had started her new work, Mrs. Claiborne was still concerned that fifty women's groups had not yet sent in their reports for the Hand Book and Directory. Unless you send them in, the information in the new book will be the same as in the 1951 book. It is only a few minutes' work for each president or secretary to see that the report is made out and mailed. Please do it NOW, so when Mrs. Claiborne leaves for Turkey she will know that this job is finished.

Rev. Howard F. Schomer, of the College Cevenol, Chambon-sur-Lignon, France, was our speaker. He is the representative of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions and of the Congregational Christian Service Committee in Western Europe. His subject, "Islands and Bridgeheads of Christianity," referred to the small churches that are holding firmly to their faith in communities where only 15% of the population is active in any faith—9 of the 15 of the Roman faith. The Protestants are a small minority within a minority. In many cities only 2% of the teachers have had any Christian training. Europe seems to be going through a process of de-Christianization. He has heard people speak of the "post-Christian" era in Europe. Many millions of people have broken away from the church. The courage of the European Christians of today compares with that of the early Christians in Rome.

These little "island churches" are like lights shining in the darkness of superstition, fear, and paganism. American Christians are giving them moral and material support through the World Council of Churches, the American Board, the Congregational Christian Service Committee, and individual friends who wish to help.

The College Cevenol was founded in 1938 by two French Protestant ministers. More than 2000 young people have felt the influence of this school. Students from different faiths, races, and national backgrounds are united in the Gospel of Christianity. The Schomers' assignment has been called a "Mission of Fellowship to Europe." They have made trips to every part of France, Spain, Italy, Belgium, and Western Germany, to visit the isolated churches, to encourage them and let them know they are not alone. Mr. Schomer said, for them, the text "I am the Way" does not suggest the image of a superhighway, but they find that it leads to life. The pictures of the College and the partly finished classroom building were very interesting, making one wish for the time to come when the whole world can spend for the things that endure. The Schomers are a fine young couple, good ambassadors from America.

M. E. M.

The 39th Annual Conference of the Missionary Education Movement will be held at Asilomar, August 1-6. The foreign missions course on Africa will be led by Dr. Emory Ross, of New York; and the course on Home Missions and Human Rights, by our own Rev. Gail Cleland, of Berkeley. Dr. Pierson Parker, well known as former pastor of the North Congregational Church and teacher at Pacific School of Religion, will lead the study of "Christianity and the Non-Christian Religions." There will be many other features in the way of public addresses, conferences, and good fellowship. Circulars of information as to rates may be secured through the Conference office or Mrs. Gail Cleland, president of the Federation of Congregational Women, 924 Cragmont Avenue, Berkeley 8.

NEW CABINS FOR GIRLS

Two new cabins for girls are nearing completion. The swimming pool is being relined and the plumbing leading into it improved. Poles are being set for bringing in electricity. All of these projects are due to be completed before the opening of the first camp. It is possible that there will be some delay, but they have all been promised. A group of deeply interested and consecrated laymen have been giving sacrificially of their time. Among these may be mentioned Mr. L. Tenney Gray, Mr. Clifford Poe, Mr. Scott Haymond, Mr. William Reiff, Mr. James C. Hazlett, Mr. Hewitt Kendall, Mr. Louis Hough, Mrs. Belle Looser, and last but not least, Rev. Hendrik Martynse, of Loomis.

The By-Laws of the Conference at the recent annual meeting were amended so that the Conference registrar is, by virtue of that fact, a voting member of the Committee on Ministerial Standing. The membership now consists of 11 persons.

Historical Society

The Congregational Christian H torical Society has been organized. was approved by the Executive Co mittee of the General Council. T chairman is Arthur H. Bradford; a the secretary, Rev. Frederick L. Fa ley. Dr. Fagley's office is at Roo 47, 289 Fourth Avenue, New York

Among other things the Soci desires to secure copies of local chur histories, of historical addresses, a similar valuable papers. They des to locate and secure descriptions historic shrines, missions, and ea churches, with material relating the to. They wish to learn of local chur celebrations of historical interest. W our ministers and clerks and chur historians take note and communica with the Society when there is an thing of interest.

GAINS AND LOSSES

During the census decade 194 1950 the population of the Unite States increased by a number equ to the total population of Maine, Ne Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Islan Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Je sey and New York City. During th great increase our denomination adde 200 new churches to its rolls acro the country—and lost more than 40

CAN WE LEARN PEACE?

During the last war an America soldier was sitting in silence with h Italian host as a fleet of bombers roa ed through the peaceful air. The Ita ian said, "We have learned to swi like the fish under the sea. We hav learned to fly like the birds of the ai But we have not yet learned to wal the earth in peace with our fello men."—(From Ripon Tidings).

A GOOD DEED

Our Plymouth House young peopl took a group of under-privilege children in the East Bay for an all-da picnic and visit to the zoo in Sa Francisco. Plymouth House and Win throp Club young people have en joyed some joint meetings.

WANTED

"Hymns of the United Church"— it has been a mighty good hymnbook Our Mira Vista Church is using it but they haven't enough copies. D any of our churches still have copie not now being used? If so, pleas communicate with Rev. Gifford M Webster, 2545 Tulare Avenue, E Cerrito. You will be doing a young church a great favor.

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